

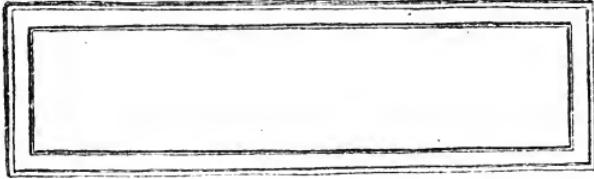
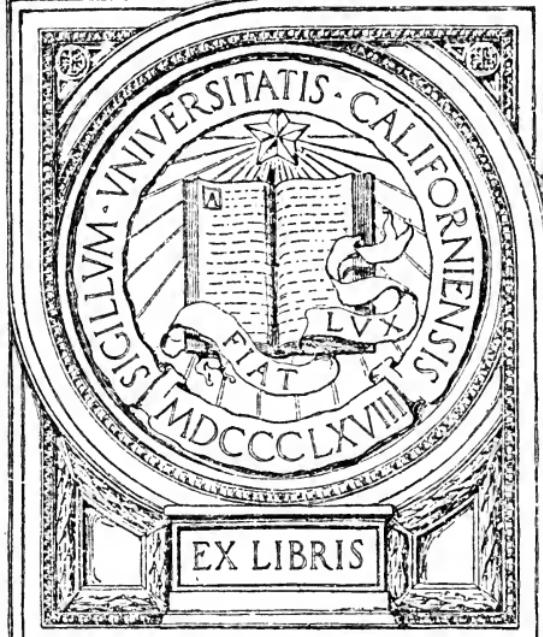
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Three numbers of the Year-book of Library Commissions were published by the League,—in 1906, 1907, and 1908. In 1910, a Handbook was published. This gave a history of Commission work and of the League, and a full account of each Commission. It was planned to supplement this by annual Year-books, but none was published in 1911, as the subject-matter had not yet been definitely settled. In 1912, a Committee of the League made a report on what the Year-book should contain, and the Secretary was instructed to compile one.

The Year-book is intended only to supplement the fuller information of the Handbook, and bring it to date. As to publications, each Commission was asked to furnish a list of those now in print. For complete lists, the Handbook should be consulted.

In two states, Arkansas and Oklahoma, efforts are being made to secure the establishment of library commissions, but nothing definite can be reported for this Year-book.

The compiler acknowledges with gratitude the assistance given by the various Commissions in furnishing information for the Year-book.

THE LIBRARY
COMMISSION

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DIRECTORY OF COMMISSIONS

AND THEIR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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- New Hampshire Public Library Commission**
State Library, Concord
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- *New Jersey Public Library Commission**
State Library, Trenton
Henry C. Buchanan, Secretary
- *New York State Education Department**
Division of Educational Extension. State Library, Albany
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- *North Carolina Library Commission**
State House, Raleigh
Minnie W. Leatherman, Secretary
- *North Dakota Public Library Commission**
The Capitol, Bismarck
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- *Ohio Board of Library Commissioners**
State Library, Columbus
J. H. Newman, Secretary
- *Oregon Library Comission**
State House, Salem
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State Library, Harrisburg
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- *Rhode Island Department of Education**
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- Texas Library and Historical Commission**
 State Library, Austin
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 Salt Lake City
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H. R. McIlwaine, Librarian
- *Washington State Library Commission**
 State Library, Olympia
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- *Wisconsin Free Library Commission**
 The Capitol, Madison
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**LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS
CONSTITUTION**

1

Name. The name of this organization shall be League of Library Commissions.

2

Object. The object of the League shall be to promote, by cooperation, such library interests as are within the province of library supervision by the state.

3

Membership. Any state commission, board, bureau, department, or other official organization charged with the duty of promoting library interests in the state where it is located, either by means of traveling libraries or the establishment, organization and supervision of public libraries, shall be eligible to membership upon compliance with the conditions hereinafter enumerated.

Each organization admitted to active membership shall have one vote through an accredited representative (preferably an executive officer) on any subject requiring action at any meeting; but any member or officer of such commission, board or department may attend the meetings of the League and share in its deliberations.

4

Officers. The officers of the League shall be president, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, and secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting and shall serve until election of their successors.

Executive Board. Except when the League is in session, its affairs shall be in the hands of an Executive Board consisting of the officers named in Section 4 and the members of the Publication Committee, as hereinafter provided. Any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall appoint a chairman for sectional meetings, when neither the president nor any vice-president can be in attendance.

Votes of the Executive Board may be taken by correspondence, a majority vote being necessary to give validity to any action so taken.

The Executive Board of the League shall prepare programs, select topics and assign speakers for the annual meeting and make all the necessary arrangements therefor.

Committees. There shall be a Publication Committee of three members and the president of the League, who shall cooperate with the Publishing board of the A. L. A. in securing suitable material required for Commission work, and who shall arrange through co-operation with such Publishing Board or otherwise for the printing of such publications and for the price at which they may be sold.

Standing committees and special committees not otherwise provided for shall be appointed by the president.

Dues. The payment of a yearly membership fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall constitute active membership, such members being entitled to secure League publications at cost and to exercise the voting privilege as specified in Section 3. Associate members paying no dues shall be charged regular price for League publications but may participate in deliberations without a vote.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the League shall be held at the time and place of the annual meeting of the A. L. A.

Sectional Meetings. Any group of members representing three or more states may by mutual agreement, and with the approval of the Executive Board, hold a sectional meeting at such time and place as may be agreed upon. At such meetings

such matters shall be considered as shall be selected by the members there assembled or by the Executive Board. No vote taken at such meeting shall be binding on the League, but shall be advisory only. The Executive Board and committees of the League may ask for an advisory vote which may guide them in determining questions arising in the prosecution of their work. No such vote shall release the committee from its responsibility in any matter.

9

Affiliation. The League shall be affiliated with the A. L. A. in accordance with its constitution and by-laws.

10

By-Laws. The Board may adopt by-laws for the League subject to such amendment as may be voted at the annual meeting.

11

Amendments. Amendments to this constitution may be adopted at any annual meeting of the League by a two-thirds vote of those present entitled to vote; provided that notice shall have been given, by correspondence, to all members of the League at least two months prior to such annual meeting; or in lieu thereof, that the amendment shall have received the unanimous approval of the Executive Board.

ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF COMMISSIONS.

This Yearbook gives only the present membership of each Commission and staff, and any *new* legislation and activities. For a general account of each Commission see the Handbook, published in 1910.

ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY. DIVISION OF LIBRARY EXTENSION

See Handbook of the League, 1910, for general statement. No report was received for the Yearbook.

CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY

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Publications in Print:

Libraries of California, 1904

News notes of California libraries, May 1906—date

Books for the blind: circular and finding list. 3d ed. 1910

Library laws of California. 1909

California county free library law. 1910

California county free library law. 1911

California county free library law and circular of information
for applicants for certificates of qualification to hold the
office of county librarian in California. 1911

California county free libraries: two questions often asked.
1911

California laws of interest to women and children. 1912

New Legislation. In Feb. 1911, a new county library law was
passed, to take the place of the first county law, passed in 1909.
The following summary of the law of 1911 is condensed from
Library Journal, v. 36. p. 189.

1. The supervisors of any county may establish a county free
library for that part of the county lying outside of incorporated
cities and towns maintaining free public libraries, and for such
additional portions of the county as may elect to become a part
of, or to participate in, the county free library system.

2. Any incorporated city or town maintaining a free library
may, by action of its city council, become a part of the county
free library system.

3. Any incorporated city or town may contract with the
county free library for such service as it may desire.

4. Counties may contract with each other for joint library
service.

5. A board of library examiners is created, composed of the
State librarian, and the librarians of the public libraries of San
Francisco and Los Angeles, to certificate applicants for the
position of county librarian.

6. Maximum power in the management of the county free library is given to the county librarian.

7. A tax levy not to exceed 10 cents on 100 dollars may be made, to support the county free library.

8. If a county does not wish to establish a library of its own, an alternative method is offered by means of a contract which may be entered into by the board of supervisors with any city library, the latter agreeing to extend its service to the county.

New Phases of Work. While no distinctively new work has been undertaken, the development of the county library system has led to some changes that are worthy of note. Twenty-one counties are now doing some of the work for their territory that was at first handled from the State Library. As soon as a county free library is established, the county librarian assists in the work formerly done by the state, such as the planning and furnishing of new library buildings, the cataloging of small libraries, installing charging systems, etc. The State Library still gives what assistance is possible through correspondence, but does not at present send out an organizer.

In the summer of 1912 a course in library work was given in connection with the regular Summer school at the University of California. The State Library and all others interested will make every effort to have some sort of library school established as soon as possible. It is under consideration to establish a course at the University of California in 1913-1914.

The traveling libraries that had been sent out from the State Library since Dec. 1903 were discontinued in 1911, after the accidental decrease in the State Library fund by the Legislature of 1911. As the county system is more economical and successful, as a means of book distribution, every effort will be made to establish county libraries where they do not yet exist, rather than return to the old system of traveling libraries from the State Library. The books that made up the traveling libraries are now loaned in large groups up to 1000 volumes to counties starting free libraries. These collections are sent by freight, the county library paying the freight charges. In counties where there is no county free library, collections of books for study purposes are sent to any club or grange upon the application of two resident tax-payers. As these books are selected from the main collection of the State Library, the work is carried on entirely by the reference department. Books may be kept three months, and by special permission the time may be extended. Transportation both ways is paid by the borrowers.

COLORADO

COLORADO BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS
COLORADO TRAVELING LIBRARY COMMISSION

See Handbook of the League, 1910, for general statement.
No report was received for the Yearbook.

CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee:

Charles D. Hine, Chairman, Hartford
Miss Caroline M. Hewins, Secretary, Hartford
Edwin B. Gager, Derby
Henry A. Tirrell, Norwich
George A. Conant, Windsor Locks

Executive Staff:

Mrs. Belle Holcomb Johnson, Visitor and inspector of libraries.
Miss Frances Sheehan, Clerk

Publications in Print:

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| 1894 | 1 | What a free library does for a country town |
| | 2 | Circular to public libraries |
| 1898—1904 (Annual lists of books, 1897—1903) | | |
| 1904 | 3 | Books on the Far East |
| | 5 | Address at the reopening of the Acton library, Old Saybrook, June 30, 1904, by Reverend Samuel Hart D. D. |
| | 7 | Free public libraries: law and method of obtaining state grant |
| | 8 | The development of public libraries within the bounds of old New Haven colony, by Henry W. Whitney |
| 1906 | 1 | The public library and its critics, by H. W. Whitney |
| | 3 | Selected list of literature relating to American forests and forestry |

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| 1908 | 1 | Grange circulating libraries. Series B |
| | 2 | Grange circulating libraries. Series C |
| 1909 | 1 | Novels and children's stories |
| | 2 | Traveling school libraries loaned by the Connecticut society of Colonial Dames of America. |
| 1910 | 1 | Address of Simeon E. Baldwin at the laying of the corner-stone of the Connecticut State Library |
| | 4 | Suggestive list of periodicals |
| 1911 | 2 | Selected list of books published in 1910 recommended to libraries |
| | 3 | Reading clubs for boys and girls |
| | 4 | Report of the Connecticut public library committee, 1910-11 |
| | 5 | Novels and children's stories of 1911 |
| 1912 | 2 | List of books published in 1911 |
| | 3 | Thanksgiving references |

New Legislation. Law governing state grant to libraries amended as follows: In towns whose grand list exceeds six hundred thousand dollars, the Connecticut public library committee may in its discretion expend annually, for books selected by it for any free public library, a sum not to exceed the amount annually appropriated and expended by the town for the increase of such library. In towns whose grand list does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, said committee may, in its discretion, expend annually, for books selected by it for any free public library, a sum not to exceed the amount annually appropriated and expended from any source for the increase of such library. The expenditure by said committee shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars annually for any library.

New Phases of Work. Book wagon routes have been established in five towns. Each route is covered once in six weeks. In the year reported, 37 trips have been made, involving 1019 calls on 210 families and 5904 books delivered.

DELAWARE

DELAWARE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Daniel W. Corbit, Chairman, Odessa
 Mrs. James W. Anthony, Smyrna
 Arthur L. Bailey, Wilmington
 Mrs. C. E. Burchenal, Wilmington

H. P. Cannon, Bridgeville
Mrs. Charles E. Miller, Wilmington
G. H. Murray, Viola
Miss Margaret Orr, Lewes
Mrs. Henry Ridgely, Dover

Executive Staff:

H. Ridgely Harrington, State Librarian, Dover
Miss Ida V. Culbreath, Librarian

Publications in Print:

Biennial reports, 1906, 1907-08, 1909-10
Circular of information

New Phases of Work:

Book wagons are in operation in two counties.

GEORGIA

GEORGIA LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Miss Katherine Wooten, Chairman
Mrs. John K. Ottley, Atlanta
Walter W. Brooks, Rome
Bridges Smith, Macon
Crawford Wheatley, Americus

Executive Officer:

Mrs. Percival Sneed, Organizer. Carnegie Library, Atlanta

Publications in Print:

Handbook of the libraries of the state of Georgia

IDAHO

IDAHO STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

D. C. McDougall, Attorney General, Chairman
Miss Grace M. Shepherd, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Wilford L. Gifford, Secretary of State
James A. McLean, President of the University of Idaho

Executive Staff:

Miss Grace M. Shepherd, Secretary
Miss Margaret S. Roberts, Librarian

ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Harry Woods, Chairman
Mrs. Eugenie M. Bacon
Joseph H. Freeman

Executive Officer:

Miss Eugenia Allin, Organizer

Publications in Print:

Leaflet no. 1 What the Illinois Library Extension Commission means to Illinois

INDIANA

INDIANA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

J. P. Dunn, President
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl
W. W. Parsons

Executive Staff:

Carl H. Milam, Secretary and state organizer
Miss Carrie E. Scott, Assistant state organizer
Miss Ora Williams, Assistant state organizer
Miss Helen Davis, Librarian of traveling libraries
Miss Elizabeth B. Noel, Assistant

Publications in Print:

Biennial report, 1901-04, 1906-date
Graded list of books for schools
Graded list of stories for reading aloud, compiled by Harriet E. Hassler. Rev. ed.
Helps in the selection of children's books
Important laws of Indiana relating to public libraries and the Public Library Commission. 1910
(The) Indiana library law and rules of the Public Library Commission. (1901)
Library occurrent: (issued quarterly)
 v. 1, nos. 5-8, 10-12, Index
 v. 2, nos. 2, 4-10, 12, Index
 v. 3, nos. 1-4
List of illustrated books for boys and girls
List of picture books by good illustrators

- List of pictures for children's rooms
Popular books for boys and girls, a graded list with annotations; compiled by Carrie E. Scott
Public Library Commission: what is it, what it does. 1904
Public Library Commission of Indiana. Circular. 1911
Sources for obtaining material for miscellaneous picture collection
Summer school for librarians. Circular, (annual). 1903, 1907-date
Traveling library circulars

IOWA

IOWA LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Johnson Brigham, State Librarian, Chairman, Des Moines
John G. Bowman, President State University, Iowa City
A. M. Deyoe, State Supt. of Public Instruction, Des Moines
Mrs. Horace M. Towner, Corning
Mrs. David W. Norris, Grinnell
Mrs. Henry J. Howe, Marshalltown
Mrs. A. J. Barkley, Boone

Executive Staff:

Miss Alice S. Tyler, Secretary and Director of library extension, State Historical Bldg., Des Moines
Miss Margaret W. Brown, Librarian of traveling library
Miss Mary E. Marks, Field and reference assistant.
Miss Reba Davis, Organizer
Miss Edna Lyman, Advisory children's librarian (Part time only)
Miss Ada Septer, Clerk

Publications in Print:

Iowa Library Quarterly; v.2-date

Leaflets:

- No. 1 Shall a free public library be established?
- No. 2 Iowa day and a few books about Iowa
- No. 5 Free traveling library of Iowa
- No. 6 Books for the blind
- No. 7 Library buildings
- No. 8 Study club programs
- No. 9 Traveling picture collections
- No. 10 Debate traveling libraries
- No. 11 Making a library beginning
- No. 12 Township extension

List of books recommended for children's library; compiled by

Annie Carroll Moore
Traveling library lists
Check-list of state publications
Reports, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1910

KANSAS

KANSAS TRAVELING LIBRARIES COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

James L. King, Chairman
Mrs. W. A. Johnston
Mrs. W. D. Atkinson
Mrs. Sara Judd Greenman
Mrs. C. J. Brown

Executive Staff:

Mrs. Adrian Greene, Secretary
Miss Thomasine Jackson, Assistant secretary

Publications in Print:

Biennial reports

KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Mrs. George Alexander Flournoy, Chairman, Paducah
Miss May Stone, Hindman
Mr. Frank K. Kavanaugh, Frankfort
Dr. William B. Doherty, Louisville
George T. Settle, Louisville

Executive Staff:

Miss Fannie C. Rawson, Secretary
Miss Blanche V. Watts, Assistant Secretary

Publications in Print:

Handbook of Kentucky libraries
Kentucky Library Commission law
Traveling library post card
Report, 1910-1911

Leaflets:

- No. 1 Circular of information.
- No. 2 Traveling libraries in Kentucky
- No. 3 General loan collection

New Phases of Work:

Traveling Libraries. The traveling library system maintained by the Commission consists of fixed groups of fifty volumes for general reading and study, for adults, young people and children; and includes fiction, biography, travel, history and prominent topics of the day. A farmers' library of fifteen books may be substituted for the same number in general reading in a regular library; or a separate library of fifteen agricultural books is loaned on request. The libraries are sent free of charge except for transportation, to small towns, schools, study clubs, rural districts and farming communities. They are loaned for six months with the privilege of extension for a longer period or of exchange in less time if desired.

In addition to the fixed groups of traveling libraries, an open shelf or subject collection is maintained from which books may be borrowed to suit the specific needs of study clubs, debating teams, farmers' clubs and individuals.

School Libraries. The Commission is working in cooperation with the rural schools of the State in an endeavor to improve school library conditions. Fifteen and twenty-five dollar model school collections are on exhibition in the offices of the Commission and a movement has been inaugurated to install a system of school traveling libraries in every county in the State.

Debating Material. Work with debating teams throughout the State has been started, and the collections of material on some of the more popular questions of debate are being enlarged.

Study Outlines. In cooperation with the standing committees of the Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, study outlines are being prepared and books provided to carry out these studies.

MAINE**MAINE LIBRARY COMMISSION****Members of the Commission:**

Prof. W. H. Hartshorn, Chairman, Lewiston
Henry C. Prince, State Librarian, Secretary, Augusta
Prof. George T. Little, Brunswick
J. H. Winchester, Corinna
Mrs. Kate E. Estabrooke, Orono

Publications in Print:

Reports, 1900, 1901, 1902-03
Bulletin, published quarterly

New Legislation:

In 1911, the law relating to the powers and duties of the Maine

Library Commission was changed in a way to enlarge the work of the Commission. Instead of simply stating that the purpose of the Commission is "to encourage the establishment of free public libraries," the law now states that the Commission may give advice and aid in organization to school, state institutional, and free public libraries; may receive gifts; publish printed lists and aids for libraries; may conduct schools and institutes for instruction; and perform such other service in behalf of public libraries as it may consider for the best interest of the state.

MARYLAND

MARYLAND STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

M. Bates Stephens, President, Denton
Bernard C. Steiner, Secretary, Baltimore
Miss Sallie Webster Dorsey, State Librarian, Annapolis
Mrs. M. A. Newell, Baltimore
Joseph H. Apple, Frederick
Mrs. Luther A. Oates, Princess Anne
J. Alexis Shriver, Bel Air

Executive Staff:

Miss Mary P. Farr, Field secretary (for a portion of the year only).

Publications in Print:

Reports, 1903-date

MASSACHUSETTS

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION OF MASSACHUSETTS

Members of the Commission:

Charles F. D. Belden, Chairman, State Library, Boston
Miss Anna M. Bancroft, Hopedale
Frank H. Howes, Newton
Miss Elizabeth P. Sohier, Beverly
Hiller C. Wellman, Springfield

Executive Staff:

Miss Zaidee Brown, Agent
Miss E. Louise Jones, Office secretary

Publications in Print:

Annual reports, 1893-95, 1897-1908, 1910-12

Aids in the selection of children's books

Directions for the librarian of a small library, by Zaidee Brown

Duties and opportunities of library trustees, by Alice G.

Chandler

Some desirable publications for trustees to read

New Legislation. In 1911, a law was passed allowing any city or town library to lend its books to any other city or town library, under such conditions as may be made in writing by the governing body of the library. Any city or town may raise money to pay the expense of so borrowing books.

New Phases of Work. Since the appointment of an agent, the field work has materially increased. This includes both visits and aid in reorganization. A committee is promoting cooperation between the Commission and the library clubs of the state, and also between the different clubs. The Commission has held one Institute for instruction, and a number of neighborhood meetings of librarians. During the coming year, the Commission hopes to do more to encourage library work with foreigners.

MICHIGAN

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Members of the Commission:

Henry R. Pattengill, President, Lansing

Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, Secretary, State Library, Lansing

Henry Nelson Loud, Au Sable

W. Millard Palmer, Grand Rapids

David E. Heineman, Detroit

Executive Staff:

Mrs. Mary C. Spencer, Secretary, State Library, Lansing

R. D. Bailey, Field worker

Publications in Print:

Annual reports

Books on folklore and legend in the Summer Library School collection

Books on nature study in the Summer Library School collection

How to start a free public library

Poems, arranged by grades

Selected list of books for Boy Scouts

Selected list of books on vocational training

Selected list of scoutcraft, camping, and woodcraft

Selected list of picture books

As stated in the Handbook of the League, 1910, the Michigan Board of Library Commissioners works in connection with the State Library. The traveling library work is carried on entirely by the State Library.

MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Miss Margaret J. Evans, Chairman, Northfield

Miss Gratia A. Countryman, Minneapolis

Cyrus Northrup, President of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

C. G. Schulz, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, St. Paul

Warren Upham, Secretary of Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

Executive Staff:

Miss Clara F. Baldwin, Secretary, The Capitol, St. Paul

Miss Miriam E. Carey, Organizer

Miss Helen J. Stearns, Librarian

Miss Mary P. Pringle, Assistant librarian

Miss Martha Wilson, State supervisor of school libraries

Publications in Print:

Biennial reports, 1900-date

Library notes and news, Dec. 1904-date

Minnesota library laws. 1911

Public documents in the small library

Children's books for Christmas gifts

Leaflets:

Free traveling libraries

Aids to study clubs

Rules for circulation

Finding list: Books on agriculture and the farmer's library

Finding list: Household economics

" " Teachers' library

Teachers' assistant: a list for rural schools; grades 1-4
Organization, purpose and work (of the Commission)

New Phases of Work:

School Libraries. In August, 1911, Miss Martha Wilson, formerly librarian of the Library Commission, was appointed Supervisor of school libraries under the Department of Public Instruction. In creating this office the aim of the Department has been the promoting of school library interests in general, through raising the standard of service in school libraries, urging instruction in the use of books in high schools, and more work in children's literature in the normal schools, correlating school libraries and public libraries, giving advice in organization and the publication of school library aids, the preparation of lists, exhibits, and talks at school meetings.

In addition to the compilation of the "Catalog for Public school libraries" from which purchases are made by school libraries securing state aid, a revised edition of the "Teachers' assistant, a selected list for grades 1-4," has been issued; suggestive \$10 orders for rural schools printed in slip form; and a graded list of stories to read aloud compiled and multigraphed for distribution. Many lists have been compiled in response to individual requests and to call attention to special subjects, or books, such as:—Books for school libraries open to the public; Books about children's reading and story telling; Industrial books for rural school libraries; Pupil's reading circle list; School library aids for teachers, etc.

Talks on the school library, its selection, care and use, and on children's reading have been given at District and County teachers' meetings, Farmers' institutes, and at nine county summer schools, in 1912. An outline of instruction on the work of rural school libraries, with a suggestive list of typical children's books for required reading, has been prepared for use in teachers' training departments in high schools.

Exhibits showing aids in book-selection and library methods for school libraries have been made at State and District Educational association meetings, and joint round table meetings for public and school librarians have been held at the district meetings in cooperation with the Library Commission.

MISSOURI**MISSOURI LIBRARY COMMISSION****Members of the Commission:**

Arthur E. Bostwick, President, St. Louis
J. P. Greene, Liberty
A. Ross Hill, Columbia
Wm. P. Evans, Jefferson City
Mrs. W. K. James, St. Joseph

Executive Staff:

Miss Elizabeth B. Wales, Secretary
Miss Margaret A. Gramesly, Traveling library department
J. F. Marron, Legislative reference department

NEBRASKA**NEBRASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION****Members of the Commission:**

F. L. Haller, President, Omaha
S. Avery, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln
J. E. Delzell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lincoln
H. C. Lindsay, State Librarian, Lincoln
Dr. Walter K. Jewett, Librarian of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Executive Staff:

Miss Charlotte Templeton, Secretary, Lincoln
Miss Guess Humphrey, Librarian
Miss Florence E. Waugh, Librarian for state institutions

Publications in Print:

Biennial reports, 1904-date
List of books for school libraries

New Phases of Work. Supervision of libraries in state institutions is now a part of the work of the Commission. The Legislature of 1911 set aside \$5000 to be used in beginning the work; and Miss Florence Waugh began work as institution librarian in May, 1911. She first visited all the institutions. It was then decided to follow the plan of a city branch system; all ordering of books and supplies, cataloging, and preparation of books for circulation, to be done at the main office. The report of the Commission for 1912 gives an interesting account of the work in the institutions. The total number of institutions is 13, including state hospitals, industrial schools and homes, soldiers' homes, and the penitentiary. Only 7 of these had libraries, and some of these were very small, and in poor condition. The Commission has purchased 2927 v. at a cost of \$2460.04. Subscriptions for magazines and newspapers have also been made. The largest piece of work was at the penitentiary, where the library was thoroughly reorganized, 340 new books bought, and a printed list prepared. The interest in the better class of books there has been much stimulated. The average population for the latest month reported was 380, and 1077 books were circulated, 32% being non-fiction.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

Board of Trustees, (acting as Board of Library Commissioners)
William D. Chandler, Chairman, Concord
William F. Whitcher, Woodsville
William J. Starr, Manchester

Executive Officer:
Arthur H. Chase, State Librarian, Secretary, Concord

Publications in Print:

Bulletin of N. H. Public libraries, (quarterly)
At the present time, the Commission has no appropriation except for the Bulletin, and is therefore doing no active work. Efforts will be made at the coming session of the Legislature to obtain an appropriation for a library visitor, and other work.

NEW JERSEY
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:
W. C. Kimball, Chairman, Passaic
M. Taylor Pyne, Princeton
Howard M. Cooper, Camden
John Cotton Dana, Newark

Executive Staff:
H. C. Buchanan, Secretary
Miss Sarah B. Askew, Organizer
Miss Edna B. Pratt, Organizer

Publications in Print:
Advantages of a municipal library
Handbook of New Jersey libraries, 1901
" " " " " 1907
Items of interest to librarians and Boards of trustees
New Jersey library bulletin, (quarterly), Sept. 1911-date
New Jersey library law

New Phases of Work. The publication of the quarterly, New Jersey library bulletin; an exchange of foreign books; and a systematic rotation of round tables in all parts of the state; are among the developments of the last two years.

NEW YORK

STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. DIVISION OF EDUCATIONAL
EXTENSION**Executive Staff:**

William R. Watson, Chief of Division, Albany
Ase Wynkoop, Inspector of public libraries
Miss Anna R. Phelps, Organizer
Miss Caroline Webster, Organizer
Miss Grace L. Betteridge, Assistant in charge of traveling
libraries and study clubs
Charles F. Porter, Assistant

Publications in Print:

Annual report (In report of Director of State Library)
New York libraries, (issued quarterly)
Tentative list of 500 to 1000 books of the preceding year,
(annual)
Annotated list of 250 best books of the preceding year, (annual)
Directions for the librarian of a small library, by Zaidee Brown
Buying list of books for small libraries, compiled by Zaidee
Brown. New ed. rev. by Caroline Webster. 1913

New Legislation. A law has been passed authorizing counties
to establish and maintain public libraries.

New Phases of Work. More emphasis has been placed on
appeals to farmers at their institute meetings to make use of
traveling and house libraries. A similar appeal has been made
to schools.

NORTH CAROLINA

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Louis R. Wilson, Chairman
Mrs. Sol Weil
Charles Lee Smith
J. Y. Joyner
Miles C. Sherrill

Executive Staff:

Miss Minnie W. Leatherman, Secretary, Raleigh

Publications in Print:

- Biennial reports, 1-2; 1910, 1912
North Carolina library bulletin, (quarterly), Dec. 1910-date
Circular No. 1 The public library
" " 2 Traveling libraries
Leaflet No. 1 Debating
" " 2 Free debate libraries for 1912-1913

New Legislation. The public library law passed in 1911 provides that upon the petition of 25% of the registered voters of an incorporated town, the council shall submit the question of the establishment of a public library to the voters at the next municipal election. If a majority of the votes cast be in the affirmative, the council shall levy a tax of not more than ten cents on the hundred dollars, and thirty cents on the poll, and shall establish the library.

New Phases of Work. A general loan collection, consisting chiefly of pamphlets and periodicals, has been established.

Beginning with the legislature of 1913, legislative reference work will be undertaken.

The Commission now furnishes debate libraries

NORTH DAKOTA

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

- Dr. O. G. Libby, President, Grand Forks. Secretary State Historical Society
E. J. Taylor, Bismarck, Superintendent of Public Instruction
R. A. Nestos, Minot, President State Library Association
Mrs. Clara L. Darrow, Fargo
A. E. Sheets, Lakota

Executive staff:

- Mrs. Minnie Clarke Budlong, Secretary of the Commission and Director of library extension
I. A. Acker, Legislative reference librarian
Miss Florence MacPhee, Chief of Traveling library department
Miss Haldora Peterson, Stenographer
Miss Elsie Smith, Clerk

Publications in Print:

- Biennial reports, 1-3; 1908-12

- Budlong, Mrs. M. C. comp. Suggestive list of books for school libraries. 1909
- ____ Plan of organization for small libraries. 1910
- Johnson, Sveinbjorn. Parliamentary motions in order of rank.
- ____ Permanent state tax commissions. 1910
- ____ Good roads. 1910
- Robinson, Julia, ed. Papers and proceedings of the 4th annual meeting of the N.D. Library Association, 1909
- Information and Publicity Leaflets:
- No. 1 N.D. Public Library Commission. 1908
- 2 " " " " revised. 1909-10
- 3 Facts about traveling libraries. 1909-11
- 4 Are you getting your share of free books? 1910. Rev. 1911
- 5 Aims, results, needs. 1910
- 6 Farmers' libraries. 1911
- 7 N.D. Public Library Commission. 1911 (Revision of no. 2)
- 8 Farmers' libraries. 1911 (Revision of no. 6)
- 9 Aims, results, needs. 1911 (Revision of no. 5)
- New Year's greetings. 1910

New Phases of Work. Lectures on library science have been given at the summer school of the Valley City Normal School.

OHIO

OHIO BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Members of the Board:

John McSweeney, President, Wooster
Frank N. Sweitzer, Canton
Dr. J. F. Jones, Columbus

Executive Staff:

J. H. Newman, Secretary, and State Librarian, Columbus
See the Handbook of the League, 1910, for a general statement of the work. No report was received for this Yearbook.

OREGON

OREGON LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Governor Oswald Fest, Salem

L. R. Alderman, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Salem

P. L. Campbell, President of the University of Oregon
 Miss Mary F. Isom, Librarian of Portland library, Portland
 W. B. Ayer, Portland

Executive Staff:

Miss Cornelia Marvin, Secretary
 Miss Bertha Carter, Cataloger
 Miss Vera Wellborn, Traveling library assistant
 Loan clerk
 Stenographer
 General assistant

Publications in Print:

Biennial reports, 1-3: 1906-10

Circulars of information:

- No. 7 Instructions to librarians
- 10 Free traveling libraries
- 11 Starting a free public library

Library laws

School circulars:

- No. 4 Use of the library in teaching geography
- 7 Debate libraries
- 8 Commencement parts

State school library list, part 1. 1907

" " " " 2. 1910

Subject lists: General loan collection

- No. 1 Agriculture and country life
- 2 Domestic economy and home life
- 3 List of books about education
- 4 A child's library
- 5 Public health and sanitation
- 6 Picture bulletin

Broadside: Public library campaign leaflets

Sheet: Things a teacher should know about books

PENNSYLVANIA

PENNSYLVANIA FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Henry R. Edmunds, President, Philadelphia
 Thomas L. Montgomery, State Librarian, Secretary, Harrisburg
 John Thomson, Treasurer, Philadelphia
 Harrison W. Craver, Pittsburg
 Henry Belin, Jr., Scranton
 Rev. Horace E. Hayden, Wilkes-Barre

Executive Staff:

Robert P. Bliss, Assistant secretary
Miss Anna A. Macdonald, Consulting librarian
Miss Cordelia B. Hodge, Head of traveling libraries

Publications in Print:

Pennsylvania library notes, (quarterly,) 1908-date

New Phases of Work. Summer school**RHODE ISLAND****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. LIBRARY COMMITTEE****Members of the Committee:**

Frank Hill
Frank E. Thompson
Samuel W. K. Allen

Executive Staff:

Frank Hill
Walter E. Ranger, Secretary, State House, Providence
Mrs. Annie W. Congdon, Library visitor

Publications in Print:

Booklists, Reports, and Circulars

New Legislation. An added appropriation of \$1000 has been made, and a Library visitor appointed.

TENNESSEE**TENNESSEE FREE LIBRARY COMMISSION****Members of the Commission:**

G. H. Baskette, Chairman, Nashville
Miss Jenny Lauderdale, Secretary and treasurer, Dyersburg
J. W. Brister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Nashville
Miss Mary Skeffington, State librarian, Nashville

Executive Staff:

Mrs. Pearl Williams Kelley, General secretary and Director of library extension

Publications in Print:

Annual report, 1st, 1911-12

What the Tennessee Free Library Commission means to Tennessee

Free traveling libraries

List of books on agriculture

List of books on household economics

New Phases of Work. When the Handbook was published in 1910, the Commission had no appropriation, so that its activities were necessarily limited. In 1911, an appropriation of \$2500 was received, with authority to engage an organizer. The following statement concerning the work is condensed from the report of the Commission for 1911-12.

Advisory and field work. The Commission encourages the establishment of libraries in all communities able to support them, and lays special emphasis on the value of county libraries. Where conditions are favorable for establishing a library, aid is given by printed matter, personal visits, speaking at public meetings, and in any other way practicable. Aid in library methods,—such as classification, cataloging, charging systems, etc.,—is given both to new libraries and to those that wish to improve their system. During the year, the Secretary has visited 33 places, going to some of them as many as six times.

Summer school. The Commission cooperated with the University of the South, Knoxville, in conducting a six weeks' library course in the summer school there. Scholarships were offered to those holding library positions or under definite appointment, and to teachers in charge of school libraries. The department was conducted by Miss Fay, librarian of the University of Tennessee, and her assistant, Miss Eaton. Lectures were given by members of the Commission, and by its General secretary, Mrs. Kelley.

Institution libraries. The Commission has included in its field of activities some of the State's charitable and correctional institutions. Through the generosity of a citizen, the Commission was able to donate a choice selection of books to the library in the main state prison. Assistance was also rendered to the book committee of the prison library; and to the building committee in regard to the plans for the new library soon to be erected by the prisoners themselves. As soon as the books are installed, the Commission will aid in cataloging them.

Traveling libraries. As has been the case in many other states, the traveling library system in Tennessee was inaugurated by the State Federation of Women's Clubs. During the presidency of Mrs. W. D. Beard, afterward a member of the Commission, the Federation sent out the first traveling libraries in the state. In all efforts to secure the enactment of the law creating the Free Library Commission, the State Federation rendered valuable and

untiring assistance. When the Commission began active work, the traveling libraries belonging to the Federation were turned over to it. They are now sent out by the Commission, in addition to libraries of its own.

A collection of fifty books is loaned to any community in the state not accessible to a library center. Any community or study club may form a Traveling Library Association by obtaining the signature of three responsible citizens to the agreement blanks furnished by the Commission, appointing a librarian, and providing a suitable place for the library. The library may be kept six months.

Individuals may borrow two or three books from the traveling library collection of the Commission, on request of the librarian of the local traveling library. Where there is no traveling library, the application is signed by a school officer of the district. The books may be kept two months, and the borrower pays the transportation. Fourteen such loans were made during the year.

Any study club may borrow a traveling library on sending in an application signed by the officers of the club. The club pays transportation, and may keep the books for the club year.

The Commission reports a steady and increased demand for the traveling libraries. Post-offices, stores, churches, schools, newspaper offices, and homes have all served as stations. Some of the libraries have gone to remote and isolated sections. The local librarians report a large circulation. During the year libraries were sent to 112 communities.

Exhibits. To make more widely known the work of the Commission, and especially the traveling libraries, an exhibit was placed in the Woman's Building at the State Fair. The trains touring the state in the interests of agriculture, education, and health, have displayed a number of the Commission's traveling libraries; and this has brought a large number of inquiries from citizens who there learned for the first time of this opportunity.

County libraries. The report of the Commission closes with a statement as to the value of county libraries, and an appeal for their establishment.

TEXAS

TEXAS LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Eugene C. Barker, Chairman
Mrs. Joseph B. Dibrell
Mrs. Joseph D. Sayers
Hugh N. Fitzgerald
F. M. Bralley

Executive Officer:

Ernest W. Winkler, State Librarian, Austin

Publications in Print:

Texas libraries, v. 13 no.1-2

Circular No. 1: Law governing the Texas State Library and the Texas Library and Historical Commission

Circular No.2: Rules and regulations of the Texas State Library

The Commission has been able to accomplish little, as no appropriation is available for expenses.

UTAH**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION****Members of the Board:**

A. C. Nelson, State Superintendent, Chairman

J. T. Kingsbury, Secretary

John A. Widtsoe

D. H. Christensen

C. R. Marcusen

Executive Staff:

A. C. Nelson, Chairman

Howard R. Driggs, Library Secretary

The Library Secretary writes that a temporary library organizer has been employed in the past, as funds permitted; and that the Board hopes to be able to employ such an organizer permanently if an adequate appropriation can be secured. School libraries are established in the smaller settlements, where it would be impracticable to maintain a public library, and about fifty of these are now in existence. "The library cause in Utah is full of promise. We lack most funds with which to promote our cause, but we have every hope that the funds will be furnished, and that a strong library department will be developed as part of the work of the State Board of Education."

VERMONT**VERMONT BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS****Members of the Board:**

Dr. Guy Potter Benton, President University of Vermont,
Burlington

Mrs. C. M. Winslow, Brandon

Edward M. Goddard, Montpelier
Mrs. W. P. Smith, St. Johnsbury
Miss C. H. Clement, Rutland

Executive Staff:

Miss Rebecca W. Wright, Secretary, Montpelier
Miss E. I. Wright, Assistant

Publications in Print:

Bulletin, (quarterly)
A Vermont library, (Pomfret library); comp. by J. C. Dana
Traveling libraries; by Mrs. W. P. Smith
Traveling library lists .

New Legislation. Increase in following appropriations:

- 1 For direct aid to town libraries doing active work throughout the township, increase from \$1000 to 1500
- 2 For traveling library work, increase from \$600 to \$1000
- 3 For general expenses, increase from \$2000 to \$2500

Appropriation for libraries in state institutions, \$500 in 1911; and \$200 annually thereafter

New Phases of Work. "Work with Teacher-training classes, (girls and boys in high school preparing to teach), telling them about the best way for teachers to co-operate with libraries, and explaining what help they could get from the State in traveling libraries, lists, etc.

In place of an annual institute, the Library Commissioners arranged a two-days' meeting on general library problems. This has been tried for two years, and the librarians, trustees, and school-teachers, who attended called the change a success. To offset any possible lack felt by the omission of the institute, a Committee was appointed to answer technical questions at each two-days' meeting.

As an experiment, a very informal library school was held at a quarterly public meeting of the Board, to which librarians from the surrounding towns came. Besides showing elements of classification, cataloging, charging systems, and book-mending, there was opportunity for discussion of individual needs and problems. This informal school was attended by seven librarians for two days. They asked for just the subjects that they particularly needed, and incidentally received information which the Board thought that they needed. They seemed well satisfied with the experiment."

VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY

The State Library in Virginia performs many of the functions of a library commission. It operates a system of traveling libraries, and does a good deal of library extension work through correspondence. It also does legislative reference work.

Members of the State Library Board:

Armistead C. Gordon, Chairman, Staunton
S. S. P. Patteson, Richmond
John W. Fishburne, Charlottesville
Theodore S. Garnett, Norfolk
Edmund Pendleton, Richmond

Executive Staff:

H. R. McIlwaine, State Librarian, Richmond
G. C. Moseley, Chief of Division of traveling libraries

Publications in Print:

Annual report of the State Librarian

New Legislation. The appropriation for traveling libraries has been increased from \$1800 to \$1900. An effort is being made to secure an appropriation for the employment of a library organizer.

WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

Governor Ernest Lister
Attorney-General W. V. Tanner

Judges of the Supreme Court:

Wallace Mount
Herman D. Crow
Mark A. Fullerton
C. G. Ellis
E. F. Parker
John F. Main
M. F. Goss
G. A. Morris

Executive Staff:

J. M. Hitt, State Librarian, Olympia, Secretary
Mrs. Lou Gertrude Diven, Superintendent of traveling libraries
Assistant in Traveling Library.

The Washington Library Commission operates three departments, each separate in funds and administration from the other: the State Library, the State Traveling Library, and the State Law Library. The field work falls mainly to the Traveling Library. The Superintendent reports that 288 new applications were received in twenty months; and that 11,988 people in the rural districts are tributary to the new stations, besides a number that are not reported. Among the readers of the traveling libraries are 4,422 men in the R. R. construction and U. S. reclamation work.

Special book purchases have been made for improvement clubs, granges, debates, required reading in the 8th grade and in teachers' reading circles, rock quarry convicts, the W. C. T. U., the Y. M. C. A., and the women's clubs. Permanent stations, from which books are not returned, are maintained at the tuberculosis sanatoriums and in jails.

The department has given away 20, 000 magazines, in connection with its traveling libraries, and has sent 4,875 magazines as special contributions, and to fill up the files of public libraries.

WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN LIBRARY COMMISSION

Members of the Commission:

William H. Hatton, New London

Reuben G. Thwaites, Secretary State Historical Society,
Madison

Mrs. Charles S. Morris, Berlin

Charles R. Van Hise, President University of Wisconsin,
Madison

Charles P. Cary, Superintendent of Public Instruction,
Madison

Executive Staff:

Matthew S. Dudgeon, Secretary and Director of library school

Mrs. Anna L. Mayers, Executive clerk

Charles McCarthy, Chief of Legislative reference department

Miss Ono Mary Imhoff, Assistant librarian Legislative refer-
ence department

Miss Clara Richards, Assistant, Legislative reference depart-
ment

Miss Blanche Lyle, Assistant, Legislative reference department

William H. Duffus, Assistant, Legislative reference department

Miss Florence C. Hays, Assistant, Legislative reference depart-
ment

Miss L. E. Stearns, Chief, Traveling library department
Miss Mary Emogene Hazeltine, Chief of instructional department and Preceptor of Library school
Miss Maud Van Buren, Instructor, Library school
Miss Mary Carpenter, Instructor, Library school
Miss Helen Turvill, Instructor, Library school.
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Potter, Instructor, Library school
Miss Lucy Morgan, Assistant, Library school

Publications in Print:

American social questions (bibliographies)

- 2 Immigration
- 3 Labor
- 4 Poverty
- 5 Wealth
- 6 Business morals

Biennial report, v. 1-8

Check list of journals and public documents of Wisconsin, 1903
Circulars of information:

- 1 Establishing a library, first steps
- 2 How to secure a traveling library
- 3 Suggestions for library rules and regulations
- 4 Magazines for the small library
- 5 Campaigning for a public library
- 6 Legislative reference department
- 7 Traveling libraries in Wisconsin

Legislative reference department bulletins:

- 13 Primary elections
- 14 Proportional representation
- 15 Juvenile courts
- 16 Telephones; interchange of service
- 17 Mortgage taxation
- 18 Municipal home rule charters
- 19 Tenement house legislation, state and local
- 22 Certified public accountants
- 23 Corrupt practices at elections
- 24 State legislation concerning tuberculosis

Instructional department pamphlets:

- 1 Wisconsin library school, 1909-10
- 2 Short course, library school, 1910
- 3 Picture collections in small libraries
- 4 Supplementary course, library school, 1908
- 5 Commercial geography
- 6 Books on missions
- 7 How to care for books in a library

Miscellaneous pamphlets:

Laws of Wisconsin relating to libraries and the Free Library Commission

Library extension, by E. A. Birge. 1905
 One hundred popular German books
 Some Wisconsin library buildings
 Suggestive list of children's books

Study outlines:

- 1 Japan
- 2 Russia
- 3 Canada
- 4 Travel in England and Wales
- 6 French history
- 7 Modern Italy—History
- 8 Shakespeare's King John; by Mrs. H. A. Davidson
- 9 Shakespeare's King Richard Second; by Mrs. H. A. Davidson.
- 10 Shakespeare's King Henry Fourth, Parts I-II.; by Mrs. H. A. Davidson
- 11 Shakespeare's King Henry Fifth; by Mrs. H.A. Davidson
- 12 United States history—Discovery and exploration
- 13 United States history—Colonial period
- 14 United States history—Revolution
- 15 United States history—Formation period, 1783-1817
- 16 United States history—Expansion period, 1817-1860
- 17 United States history—Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1876
- 18 United States history—From Reconstruction to date, 1876—
- 19 Travel in the United States
- 20 French art
- 22 English literature—Early Victorian period
- 23 Wisconsin history

Wisconsin library bulletin (bi-monthly) January, 1905, to date

New Legislation. The appropriation for legislative reference has been increased to \$20,000 annually.

As to the governing board of libraries hereafter established, it has been enacted, that in cities in which a library and reading room shall hereafter be established, the library board shall consist of five members, one of whom shall be the mayor or some other member of the Common council, and another of whom shall be the city superintendent of schools, ex officio. The three other members of the board shall be elected by the Common council. Those first selected shall serve for terms of one, two, and three years respectively. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of three years.



TABLE OF EXPENDITURES OF COMMISSIONS

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	Annual appro- priation	Books and binding	Balloons	Postage	Printing	Office supplies and furniture	Traveling expenses	Excess, freight and carriage and freight	Pamphlets, for distribution, +	Pamphlets, for distribution, +	Periodical sub- scriptions and dues	Traveling library boxes	Periodical sub- scriptions and dues	State institutions	Summer school	Miscellaneous	
Alabama.....	^a \$13,006.18	\$662.02	\$1,500.00	\$9,094.16	\$489.80	\$299.43	\$112.00	e \$47.85	\$230.00	\$2.58	\$62.31						\$38.10
California.....	1,200.00	373.44d	430.00	300.00	125.17	60.00	e 69.00					11.00					
Connecticut.....	3,575.00	947.47	1,200.00	900.00+	10.00	119.02	736.15	e 50.00+	55.29	396.45	336.44	470.55	63.84	12.00			253.51
Delaware.....	1,800.00	1,374.45	5,899.77	0	0	87.50	652.26	220.63	\$	b110.00	\$50.90	62.40	6.68	50.90	0		460.62
District of Columbia.....	10,000.00	2,589.80	5,621.00	0	0				e 120.00	250.00							100.00
Florida.....	5,400.00	3,000.00d	2,100.00	0	15.13	104.07	100.00	b 95.57	125.03			74.20					231.17
Illinois.....	6,000.00	1,614.83	3,640.00	0													
Indiana.....	2,500.00	814.04	5,900.00	0													
Iowa.....	1,500.00	410.94	3,122.41	980.23	479.10	546.75	86.32	86.32	0	207.76							4.50
Massachusetts.....	6,950.00	53.90	3,122.41	0						692.69	705.78						63.77
Michigan.....	4,000.00	4,247.77	6,752.31	0						228.35	316.60	752.72	274.00	42.00	0		161.85
Minnesota.....	13,500.00	1,800.00f	3,300.00	0													106.79
Mississippi.....	6,000.00	1,200.23	3,008.20	0													
Missouri.....	\$5,000.00	4,540.20	3,000.00	300.00	411.18	577.68	199.91	72.50	70.00	196.68	87.19	5.00	1,578.11	0			
Nebraska.....	10,000.00	6,332.72	11,200.00	33,025.85	1,050.00	1,020.07	8.17	50.06	141.88	256.50	0						
New Jersey.....	1	53.16d	1,080.00	10.90	297.21	176.65	103.10	0	228.25	229.67	96.75						19.58
New York.....	1,500.00	2,302.44	4,909.76	24.15	j												113.37
North Carolina.....	7,800.00	1,200.00	53.16d	0													
North Dakota.....																	
Ohio.....																	
Oregon.....																	
Pennsylvania.....	13,000.00	3,128.16	6,794.44	e 25.00	j	419.76	0										158.62
Rhode Island.....	10,800.00	1,099.00d	8,950.00	0													
Tennessee.....	2,500.00	774.21	1,000.00	8,600.00	0	72.04	110.00	60.00									
Utah.....	k																
Vermont.....	5,200.00	859.89	1,607.59	1,500.00	63.41	64.72	55.51	108.26	208.99	229.69	54.15	29.25	200.00	27.30	213.49		
Virginia.....	1,900.00	347.48	1,200.00	0	0	0	100.82	36.86	44.12	65.85	117.60	0	0	0	0	6.30	
Washington.....	m 3,950.00	4,044.56d	1,950.00	0													
Wisconsin.....																	

* Half of the totals for biennial period.

† Direct aid means books, periodicals and money given to libraries.

A. I. A. Booklist is included under Pamphlets.

B. Paid by state, not from Commission appropriation.

C. Part of general work. No statistics available.

d In California no financial record separate from State Library.

e In Iowa and Kentucky part of printing is paid by state from general fund. Not included in above figures.

f In Iowa, State Board of Control employs a supervising librarian for state institutions.

g Books only. In some states, binding comes from a general state fund.

e Estimate. In Kansas, express, etc., paid from fees.

f In Missouri, library cases included in Books and binding.

g Nebraska. Commission received, also special appropriation of \$5,000 for work in institutions.

h Nebraska. Miscellaneous included in Office supplies.

i In New York, the commission work is carried on by a branch of the State Education Department.

j Included in Direct aid.

k In Utah, from \$100 to \$2000 is spent on the library work of the State Board of Education, aside from clerical help and traveling expenses.

Detailed statistics are not available.

m Appropriation of Washington State Traveling Library only.

Periodical clearing house is omitted, as no commission reported exact figures.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES

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STATE	NUMBER OF VOLUMES	LOANS	REQUESTS						Other organizations
			Fixed groups	Open shelves	Number sent from office	Total number of requests	Groups of tax-payers	Public librarians	
California	9,500	8,157	1,343	5,902	403	18	21	309	17
Connecticut	3,900 ^e	3,900 ^e	0	4,000 ^e	3,817	224	4	68	15
Delaware	0	0	0	3,766	705	312	146	96	93
Idaho	4,000 ^e	9,300	12,250	10,373	30,211	1,374	45	351	389
Illinois	9,500	5,766	42,093	55,570	1,106	43	7	95	5
Indiana	1,000 ^e	1,152	0	30,292	248	228	72	72	18
Iowa	22,823	5,910	8,500	11,400	0	115	137	115	115
Kansas	43,063	7,062	0	25,100	502	490	270	16	4,453 vols.
Kentucky	7,000	8,500	0	28,611	1,462	69	14	110	576
Maine	0	0	0	11,825	280	116	69	136	35
Maryland	0	0	0	15,816	696	116	61	2	37
*Michigan	24,809	20,892	3,917	44,014	828 ^e	758	68	93	307
Minnesota	11,300	4,520	5,544 ^e	31,302	8,513	214	120	87	127
Missouri	10,064	0	“all”	3,175 ^e	0	0	1	1	§
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	49,867	5,883	44,014	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	11,610	8,435	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	15,316	10,766	4,550	12,796	0	0	102	5	15
*Oregon	30,000	0	30,000	19,159	414	207	40	72	52
Pennsylvania	0	11,274	550	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	3,800	3,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Tennessee	6,000	5,431	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	11,000	10,400	600	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Washington	11,000	36,343	2,560	17,310	12,242	295	295	40	23
Wisconsin	38,843	0	0	48,369	1,001	556	348	89	8

^e Estimate.

* Half the figures for biennial period. Traveling libraries in Michigan are sent by the State Library, not the Commission. In North Dakota, the open shelf collection is for the Educational Reference Department. In one year, this loaned 5,760 volumes and 1,542 mounted clippings to 132 clubs and 63 individuals. This is not included in figures above, under Requests and Loans.

† Traveling library work now mainly done by county libraries. See California in body of Yearbook.

‡ Statistics for Maryland not available. Traveling libraries are being reclassified.

¶ No separate count. In Massachusetts, Commission cooperates with traveling libraries maintained by the Woman's Education Association and other agencies.

SUMMARY OF LIBRARY CONDITIONS IN COMMISSION STATES.

COMMISSION EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENTS †

STATE	Population	Towns or Cities over 2000 population	Public Libraries in whole or part supported by tax out of tax	Library Building Dissipation	Field Work	Instruction	Traveling Libraries	Direct Aid	Librarians Preference	Educational Preference
Alabama	2,158,093	90	124	66	54	117				
California	2,377,549			44	22	90				
Connecticut	799,024	79	109 ^a	3	6	4				
Delaware	202,322	7	20 ^a	1	10	20				
Idaho	2,609,121	63	200 ^e	286		127 ^e				
Illinois	5,638,591	171 ^a	149	11	*	106	\$2,668.90	\$325.98	\$2,680.25	\$300.00
Indiana	2,700,876	98	112	25	18	98			119.02	0
Iowa	2,224,771	104	51	25	16	60			0	0
Kansas	1,690,949	72	48	12	7	20			1,604.58	
Kentucky	2,289,905	78	105	2	35	55				
Maine	742,371			356	48	133	298	\$3,400.00		
Maryland	1,295,346	102							1,871.04	
Massachusetts	3,366,416									0
Michigan	2,810,173									
Minnesota	2,075,708	64	85	31	9	60	2,224.75	161.85	7,751.16	175.68
Missouri	3,283,335	84	18	17	7	30				
Nebraska	1,192,214	33	68	16	7	39	\$882.24	e 340.42	e 2,734.18	0
New Hampshire	430,572									0
New Jersey	2,670,000									
New York	9,113,614	182	333	167	36	300	e 4,500.00	e 10,000.00	\$33,025.85	
North Carolina	2,206,287	40 ^f	15	11	7	16	136.12	72.85	0	
North Dakota	577,056	12	12	5	5	15	300.37		4,023.73	\$2,151.12
Ohio	4,767,121									\$1,664.20
Oregon	672,765	24	28	7	4	13			2,311.55	0
Pennsylvania	7,665,111	313	65	60		80				8,600.00
Rhode Island	542,610					34	2,000.00			
Tennessee	2,184,789	41		7	1	14	7			
Texas	3,896,542									
Utah	273,351	21		19	6	10				
Vermont	355,956	39	154	14	15	63	e 1,077.00		1,000.00	1,500.00
Virginia	2,061,612	34	3	5	4	29				
Washington	1,144,990	36	47	4	1	66	7,600.00		0	
Wisconsin	1,233,860	82	150	6			3,728.77	0		20,000.00

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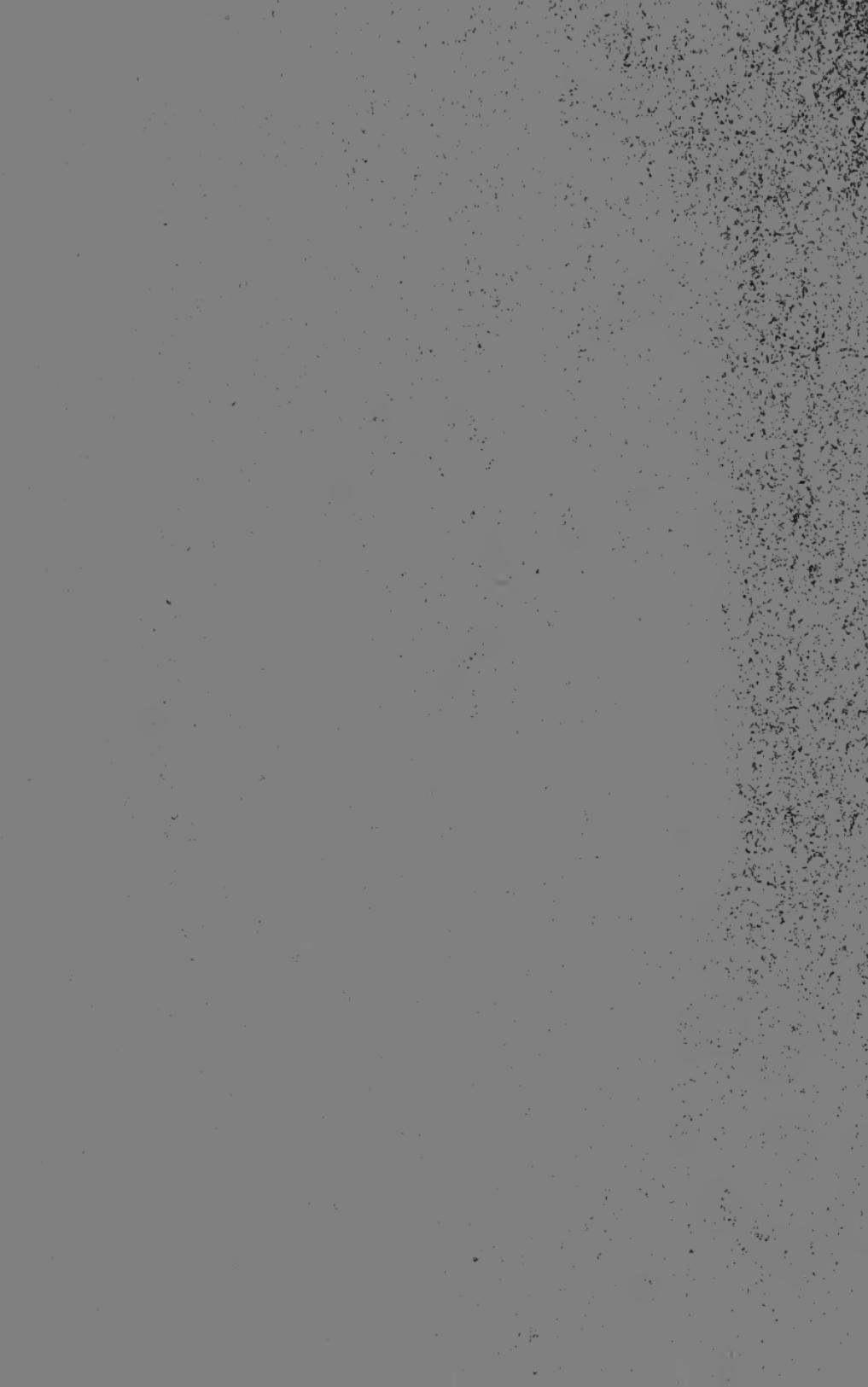
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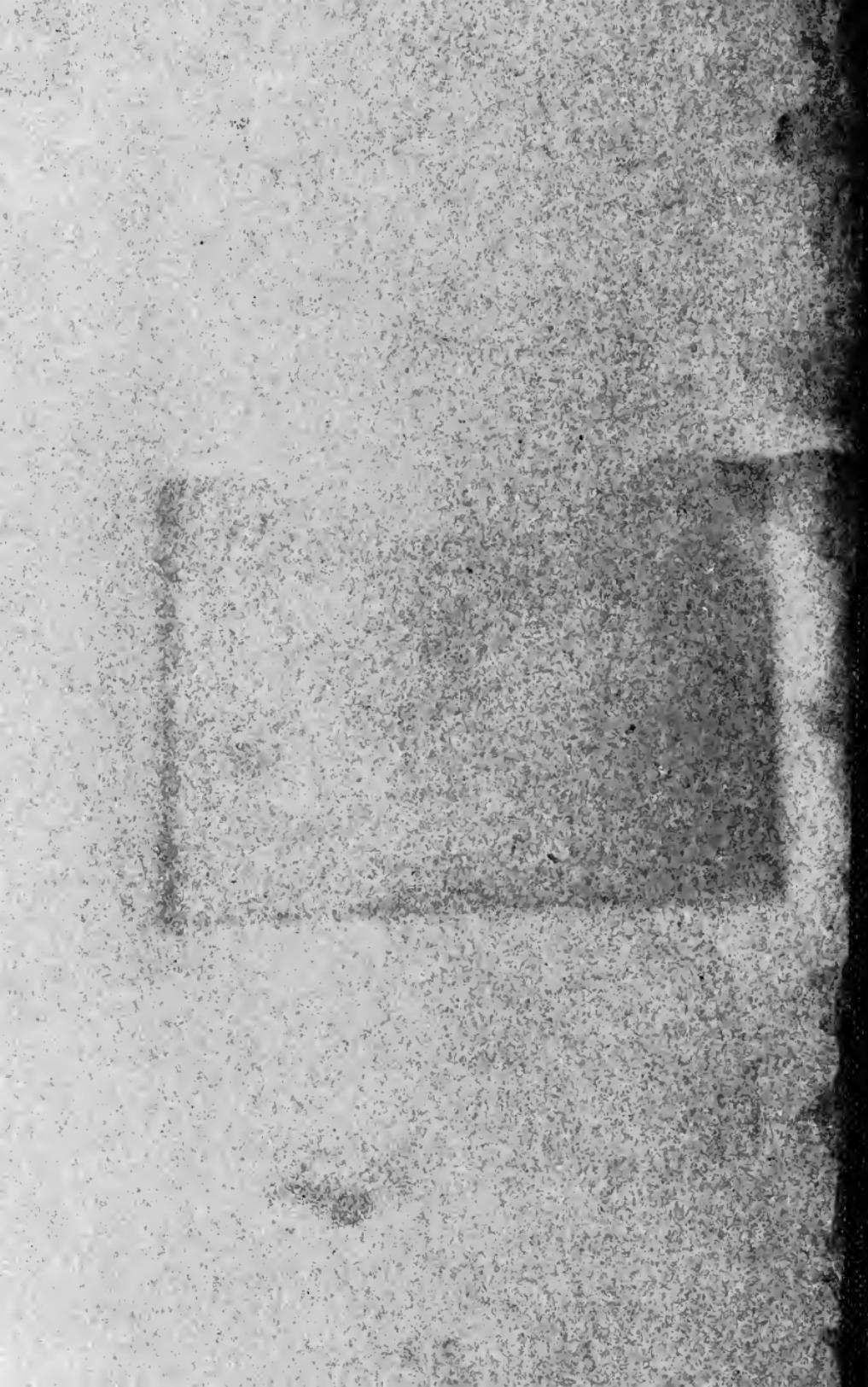
* In Iowa there are 41 libraries supported without tax, part of them free and part not.

† Over 2500 population.

† This table is included, though imperfect, because it was requested by the Committee of the League. Most of the Commissions found it impractical to summarize their expenditures in this way, and therefore could not furnish figures. None reported on school libraries, so that was omitted.

¶ Separate appropriation.





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